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From: Pete Brownell
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Subject: Re: Liberatores in Moscow
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On Jan 9, 2016, at 5:32 PM, Hallow, Millie <MHallow@nrahq.org> wrote:

I think u are right. Pres office should pick it up. But let's talk.

On Jan 9, 2016, at 5:09 PM, Pete Brownell <Pete.Brownell@brownells.com> wrote:

Situational awareness.

There is confusion on a couple of fronts regarding reimbursements around Russian trip. Libitors did not have a complete understanding on what expenses they were to be responsible for (food). Maria was lead to believe she was paying for 8 delegates when there were in fact 10.

So I have been asked to figure out who should hold the bag on this.

The unfortunate situation is all parties were caught by surprise by this.

6000 is at issue to PY for food Russians spent to cover the 2 extra delegates. Keep in mind this covers 3 dinners and 3 lunches. If the math works that is a total of \$500.00 per person per meal to get up to \$6,000.00. Which I think is extreme. So this number is more than just food or in it is in rubles instead of dollars.

On the advice of past president and co-traveler I have indicated to libators a possibility of a reduced charge is in the works.

What would the process be if we were to take care of 4500 of above charge through the president office's budget?

Pete

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Maria Butina <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Date: January 8, 2016 at 6:04:34 PM EST
To: Pete Brownell <peteb@brownells.com>
Subject: **Liberatores in Moscow**

My Dear Pete,

I have a situation that needs your delicate and manly professional advice.

This message is going ONLY to you until I have a better idea of how to proceed (and only because you are mentioned in the message from Jim below). I saw the American «Star Wars» movies last fall . . . «help me, Pete, you're my only hope!» :))

When planning the NRA delegation trip to Moscow months ago, I met personally with David & Donna Keene in Washington, DC. We agreed that my organization had enough money to cover ALL expenses for up to 8 NRA guests in December. If there were any more, they would have to pay their own way.

When the Liberatores were added to the trip, Donna Keene assured me that the Outdoor Channel would have no problem with their expenses. Believing this, we found a way to cover their nearly \$6,000 in costs. Donna in Moscow again said not to worry.

When I quietly asked for reimbursement from Donna after Christmas, I received the message below from Jim several days later.

I feel terrible. I do NOT want this issue over expenses to affect the strong friendship between the NRA and The Right to Bear Arms. In the message below, Jim said that he spoke to you — what was your advice??

I know Donna is in a hard place on this issue as coordinator of the trip — but it's also clear that she didn't warn the Liberatores about this possibility before they were already in Moscow.

I await your counsel after your winter board meeting ends!

Regards,
Maria Butina



Начало переадресованного сообщения:

Отправитель: Jim Liberatore
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Тема: RE: Attached Image
Дата: 7 января 2016 г., 11:38:15 GMT-6
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Maria-

This will be a little bit of an embarrassing email to write, but I was told before the trip that my expenses would be covered and that my air fare was all I needed to worry about, which is what I told my company to get the approval to go to Russia. . It is true, Donna did approach me the night before we left telling me I was going to get, "my portion of the bill" which at the time and the place, the lobby of the hotel, I did not want to challenge and now I was going to talk to Pete about the situation, which I subsequently have.

With that said, even if now I were going to try and submit some expenses to my company, I would need receipts as I cannot get reimbursed for expenses without the proper backup. I can at this point attempt to get the hotel reimbursed, but cannot promise I can even get that done. Also, I will pay personally for our ballet tickets so let me know what that came too as well.

If you can send me my itemized hotel bill I will

try and get that thru for reimbursement. I am sorry for the confusion.

Also, I hope you are still interested in Kim's breakfast she is setting up at SHOT Show. She has sent multiple request to Svetlana which have not being responded too but we are still working on getting her there as well.

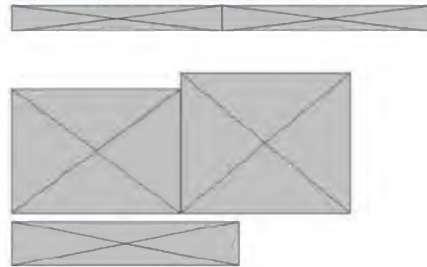
I will also be sending you this week a response to your questions for the President and our proposed program.

Thank you, and again, I am sorry for any confusion.

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